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FOLLOWING REPEAT PRETORIA 0298 ACTION STATE JAN 17.

QUOTE S E C R E T PRETORIA 0298

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, MNUC, SF
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR TALKS

REF: (A) PRETORIA 171, (B) STATE 009388

1. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MY TRIP TO CAPE TOWN TO BRIEF HENRY
FORD TO CALL ON BRAND FOURI. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT HE
CANCELLED OUR JANUARY 13 MEETING IN PRETORIA AND WE
AGREED INSTEAD TO MEET IN CAPE TOWN ON JANUARY 16.

2. FOURI OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT HE
REGRETTEED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH

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WITH AEB HEAD. DR. ROUX, WHO HAD NOT RETURNED FROM
VACATION. AS A RESULT HE WAS STILL NOT IN POSITION TO
DISCUSS THE VISIT OF THE TECHNICAL TEAM.

3. DRAWING ON THE POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL B, I REVIEWED THE
SCHEDULE WE HAD IN MIND AND INDICATED THAT CONTINUED
SLIPPAG WOULD REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A USEFUL EXCHANGE

WITH AMB. SMITH IN VIENNA AND PREJUDICE THE CHANCES OF WORKING OUT A NUCLEAR SETTLEMENT WITHIN AN ACCEPTABLE TIMEFRAME. FOURIE COUNTERED THAT WE COULD TALK ABOUT THE TECHNICAL TEAM QUESTION WHEN I RETURNED TO CAPE TOWN (WE SET 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 20). WITH REGARD TO VIENNA HE SAID THAT GIVEN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD SEND A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO THE MEETING. THUS, THERE WOULD BE NO ONE OF SUFFICIENT RANK AND AUTHORITY TO TALK WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH. OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE FOR THIS EXCHANGE.

3. COMMENT: FOURIE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AVOIDING A RESPONSE TO OUR INITIATIVE ON THE VISIT OF A TECHNICAL TEAM, BUT HE DISPLAYED NO SENSE OF URGENCY. THE FRIDAY SESSION, AFTER EVERYONE IS BACK FROM VACATION, WILL BE A BETTER INDICATOR OF SAG INTENTIONS. BOWDLER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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